

DECLARATION

Original Patent Application

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (CFR 1.9 (f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Titled: RETRACTABLE LADDER

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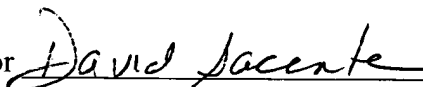
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